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Educational Attainment
Person County residents ages 25-44, 2022

- No Degree: 5,137 (57.9%)
- Have Degree or Credential: 3,733 (42.1%)

Top Opportunities for Growth
These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Person County to improve future attainment outcomes.

- Adult Learners: 21% of Person County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - metro county average of 17%.
- High School Graduation: 83% of Person County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the rural - metro county average of 85%.
- Reading Performance: 24% of Person County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural - metro county average of 26%.

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Top areas of misalignment:
Business Management & Administration bachelor's
Health Science below bachelor's
Information Technology bachelor's

First-time Curriculum Enrollments

Top 3 Employers in Person County

Employer Employment Range
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Poly Wood Llc 250-499

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners 4%
Data Scientists 4%
Statisticians 4%

Basic Skills

Continuing Education

2030 Proposed Person County Attainment Goal: 5,871 (Stretch Goal: 5,952)
2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

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Adult Learners
Raleigh-Durham Sub-Prosperity Zone post-secondary enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 3,247 Basic Skills
- 29,217 Continuing Education
- 9,377 Curriculum

11% of Person County residents have student loan debt. 9% of debt holders had student loans in default, 2022.

Success of Person County High School Graduates
- 78% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 79% in peer counties, 2022.
- 43% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years versus 56% in peer counties, 2022.

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023
- 1,273 of all college-goers attended Piedmont CC
- 151 of all college-goers attended Durham TCC
- 73 of all college-goers attended Vance-Granville CC

How students in Person County traditional schools are doing:
- 60% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 47 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%.
- 64% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties, 2022.
- 51% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 51% in peer counties, 2022.

55% of Person County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 55% in peer counties.

Postsecondary assets in Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone sub-region
- Public, 4-year or above: North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University at Raleigh, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Public, 2-year: Central Carolina Community College, Durham Technical Community College, Johnston Community College, Piedmont Community College, Vance-Granville Community College, Wake Technical Community College
- Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above: Campbell University, Duke University, Heritage Bible College, Meredith College, Saint Augustine's University, Shaw University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College, Watts School of Nursing, William Peace University
- Private not-for-profit, 2-year: Louisburg College

How students in Person County traditional schools are doing:
- 64% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 23 more needed to meet state goal of 75%.
- 24% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 1,262 more needed to meet state goal of 73%.
- 33% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 1,080 more needed to meet state goal of 75%.
- 83% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 40 more needed to meet state goal of 95%.
- 26% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 698 less needed to meet state goal of 11%.

Person County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 384:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties, 2023.

0% of students drop out of high school (2 total students), compared to 2% statewide.

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit: dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/